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I am forwarding this in draft. I somehow doubt that you will want to use it. Therefore, if you should, I think it would be as easy for you to extract a line or two for the information of the DCI and the DDCL. If you prefer that we do it in some final form, we will be happy to.

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General Walter's Presentation at the Armed Forces Staff College

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[REDACTED] at the Armed Forces Staff College called with a report on the General's speech on 11 October at the Armed Forces Staff College. He said: It went very well. I've talked to quite a few guys and they all agree the four of us had lunch with him. The speech was canned which is more often than not the case down here. In the question and answer session he did a superior job. The students asked him weird questions like pow espionage, accuracy of our grain predictions, [REDACTED] release of POWS, role of H. Kissinger; but he survived it all and came off very well. We were very impressed.

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By telephone from [REDACTED] we received comments on Mr. Helms address to the Air War College on Tuesday, 10 October. The comments are based on the opinions of the three Agency students, plus the Deputy Commandant of the School, the Chief of Area I (which covers the first three months of the course), and conversations in the coffee shop and seminar groups with approximately one hundred of the students. Ed stated that we should check the sheet that he had mailed up which shows what the objectives of the lecture were. Mr. Helms covered the objectives as published by the War College right down the line. The speaker began by saying that it was going to be a "meat and potatoes" speech and that is exactly what it was. It was quite obvious that he was reading a prepared speech. The students, with such a high level speaker, were expecting something a little more exciting. Colonel Mosley, Deputy Commandant of the Air War College, told Ed in the hall that when the Director was down there previously in 1970 he spoke off-the-cuff and *told* specifics on what Nixon wanted from the Community and what it was like working with Mr. Kissinger — gave them the feeling that he was actually there and told what it was like working with Nixon and Kissinger.

The question-and-answer period was superb. There were two questions that he chose not to answer, both were [REDACTED] Mr. Helms referred them to DOD — that it was DOD business. There was an indication, by some of the questions asked, that the audience still did not

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understand the role of the Community or the Agency, e.g., the one asked about intelligence provided to the Tactical Air Command in Vietnam.

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Everybody agrees that the Director covered the objectives and topics that the Air War College had sent him in advance and asked to be covered. Consensus of the students and the faculty is that they would rather have heard him "tell it like it is" rather than confining himself to the "meat and potatoes." Tomorrow [REDACTED] will meet with Colonel Holcombe, Chief of Area VI which is the last two weeks of the course in which Mr. Helms spoke, to discuss why they asked the Director to speak on the subjects requested since such a presentation could be handled by less senior individuals.

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The students were assigned reading the night before his speech. The readings consisted of Mr. Helms address to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, an article by Chester Cooper, and the Newsweek article, "The New Espionage American Style." The Newsweek article with its "...the cool pro that runs the CIA..." probably lead the students to expect a very glamorous and exciting speaker.

A sign was placed on the lectern for both the lecture and the question-and-answer period which said TOP SECRET. Ed doubts that anything was said that even went into the classification of SECRET. The sign put the audience on the edges of their seats and they expected too much. A similar

situation of over classification occurred when Mr. Duckett spoke to the College.

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In summary, the man was very well received, did cover the subject, but the students thought that a man of Mr. Helms stature coming down there and flying five hours would provide the top lecture of the month. They were disappointed that he did what the Air War College told him to do. Attached are copies of the "scope sheets" sent to Mr. Helms, and of the referenced articles.